



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: James P. Oberkircher and Terry Schroter

Serial No.: 10/730,470

Filed: December 8, 2003

Entitled: SEGREGATED DEPLOYMENT OF  
DOWNHOLE VALVES FOR  
MONITORING AND CONTROL OF  
MULTILATERAL WELLS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As listed on the accompanying form PTO-SB-08, the Applicants hereby call the examiner's attention to the following information of which they are aware, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56. Copies of the listed references, other than U.S. patents, are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

U.S. Patents:

4,976,142    6,158,513    6,073,083    6,009,942    6,089,320    5,884,704  
6,390,198

Published U.S. Patent Applications:

2003/0159827    2003/0221834

Other Documents:

Sperry-Sun "MSCS Multi-String Completion System" product brochure, dated September, 2000

Sperry-Sun "ITBS Isolated Tie-Back System" product brochure, dated September, 2000

WellDynamics "Infinitely Variable Interval Control Valve" product brochure, undated

WellDynamics "Sensor Actuator Module" product brochure, undated

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), which provides for the timely filing of an Information Disclosure Statement before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists. Further, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

Written notification that the listed documents have been considered in their entirety, by return of a copy of the enclosed form completed by the examiner, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

KONNEKER & SMITH, P.C.



Marlin R. Smith  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 38,310

Dated: Jan. 16, 2004

660 North Central Expressway  
Suite 230  
Plano, Texas 75074  
(972) 516-0030

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the  
United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope  
addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,  
VA 22313-1450,

on JANUARY 21, 2004  
Shawn Stifko

+

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**Complete if Known**

*(use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet

1

of

2

**Application Number**

10/730,470

Filing Date

December 8, 2003

**First Named Inventor**

JAMES P. OBERKIRCHER

### Group Art Unit

UNASSIGNED

**Examiner Name**

UNASSIGNED

Attorney Docket Number

2002-IP-006878 U1 USA

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner  
Signature

Date Considered
-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

*(use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet 2 of 2

**Complete if Known**

<b>Application Number</b>	10/730,470
<b>Filing Date</b>	December 8, 2003
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	JAMES P. OBERKIRCHER
<b>Group Art Unit</b>	UNASSIGNED
<b>Examiner Name</b>	UNASSIGNED
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2002-IP-006878 U1 USA

## OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.